

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Supplemental to the amendments to the specification made in the September 30, 2005 Preliminary Amendment, please replace the Summary of Invention section on page 3, line 2 through page 5, line 23 with the following amended section:

-- An object of the present invention is to solve the above-described problems.

Another object of the invention is to provide techniques allowing an image communication apparatus, method and system to efficiently and reliably record and store image data (information) picked up by an image pickup device in a remote recording device.

As a preferred embodiment for such objects, the invention discloses an image capture apparatus that communicates with an external recording apparatus using a wireless communication unit. The image capture apparatus includes: (1) an image capture unit adapted to capture a digital image; (2) a recording unit adapted to record the digital image captured by the image capture unit on a recording medium; and (3) a control unit adapted to judge whether or not the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already ~~recorded in~~ transmitted to the external recording apparatus, using information corresponding to the digital image recorded on the recording medium. The control unit automatically transmits the digital image recorded on the recording medium to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is not already ~~recorded in~~ transmitted to the external recording apparatus, and avoids

transmitting the digital image recorded on the recording medium to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already ~~recorded in~~ transmitted to the external recording apparatus.

As another preferred embodiment, the invention discloses an image capture apparatus that communicates with an external recording apparatus using a wireless communication unit. The image capture apparatus includes: (1) an image capture unit adapted to capture a digital image; (2) a recording unit adapted to record the digital image captured by the image capture unit on a recording medium; and (3) a control unit adapted to judge whether or not the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already ~~recorded in~~ transmitted to the external recording apparatus, using information corresponding to the digital image recorded on the recording medium. The control unit automatically transmits the digital image recorded on the recording medium to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is not already ~~recorded in~~ transmitted to the external recording apparatus, and deletes the digital image recorded on the recording medium from the recording medium if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already ~~recorded in~~ transmitted to the external recording apparatus.

As another preferred embodiment, the invention discloses a method performed by an image capture apparatus, the image capture apparatus communicates with an external recording apparatus using a wireless communication unit and includes an image capture unit adapted to capture a digital image and a recording unit adapted to record the digital image captured by the image capture unit on a recording medium. The method

includes steps of: (1) judging whether or not the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already ~~recorded in~~ transmitted to the external recording apparatus[[]], using information corresponding to the digital image recorded on the recording medium; and (2) automatically transmitting the digital image recorded on the recording medium to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is not already ~~recorded in~~ transmitted to the external recording apparatus. The digital image recorded on the recording medium is not transmitted to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already ~~recorded in~~ transmitted to the external recording apparatus.

As another preferred embodiment, the invention discloses a method performed by an image capture apparatus, the image capture apparatus communicates with an external recording apparatus using a wireless communication unit, and includes an image capture unit adapted to capture a digital image and a recording unit adapted to record the digital image captured by the image capture unit on a recording medium. The method includes the steps of: (1) judging whether or not the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already ~~recorded in~~ transmitted to the external recording apparatus[[]], using information corresponding to the digital image recorded on the recording medium; (2) automatically transmitting the digital image recorded on the recording medium to the external recording apparatus if it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is not already ~~recorded in~~ transmitted to the external recording apparatus; and (3) deleting the digital image recorded on the recording medium from the recording medium if

it is judged that the digital image recorded on the recording medium is already ~~recorded in~~
transmitted to the external recording apparatus.

Still other objects of the present invention, and the advantages thereof, will
become fully apparent from the following detailed description of the embodiments.--